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# ALASKAN WILD FLOWERS

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## SILVERBERRY (*Elaeagnus argentea*)



Silverberry is a very attractive shrub 1 to 4 feet tall. It is silvery colored and has blossoms that are silvery on the outside and yellow inside, very fragrant. The fruit is silver and about 1/2 inch long. They are sometimes eaten but don't taste very good. The Indians of the upper Tanana River call them Tambo.

## WOOD NYMPH (*Dryas drummondii*)



Wood Nymph will be a good plant in your rock garden. The densely growing oak shaped leaves form a thick mat not over two inches high. The flowers are yellow with 6 petals followed by beautiful feathery styles. Likes rocky or sandy soil and full sun.

## LUPINE (*Lupinus arcticus*)



This is a small Lupine, seldom more than 14 inches tall, with a long flower spike. Flowers are blue, sometimes white. Very attractive. Lupine does best in soil that is sandy or gravelly and slightly acid. The seed has a very hard coat and for that reason is slow to germinate.

## PURPLE ASTER (*Aster siberica*)



The Purple Aster is a good wild flower for the garden. It is a branching plant covered with blossoms, similar to the New England Aster. Growing in sandy or rocky soil it is improved with cultivation.

## HAREBELL (*Campanula petiolata*)



Harebell is a very fine plant for the rock garden. It is usually not over 8 inches tall with a number of large dark blue, bell shaped flowers on fine stems. Harebell is improved with cultivation and fertilizer.

## ALASKA COTTON (*Eriophorum angustifolium*)



Alaska Cotton is a bog plant that grows in large numbers in Alaska. It is rushlike and 18 to 24 inches tall with flowers in dense heads. Each stalk has several silky white heads. Wet, acid soil. The Eskimo name is Oolungnowit.

## ARCTIC ROSE (*Rosa acicularis*)



A bushy showy shrub 1 to 5 feet tall. Single rose pink flowers 2 to 4 inches across borne in clusters or singly. Found all over Alaska as far north as the Yukon River. Likes acid soil. The Eskimo name for the fruit is Neechee.

## HIGHBUSH CRANBERRY (*Viburnum pauciflorum*)



The Highbush Cranberry grows in shaded woods and thickets with damp slightly acid soil. The leaves resemble maple in shape and turn red in the fall. The bush grows up to 8 feet tall, the flowers are small, white, and in broad flat-ish clusters. The fruit is red or orange and makes good jelly. Unfortunately the plant has an unpleasant odor when ripe. Like the Lowbush Cranberry, the Highbush is called Keepmik by the Eskimos.

## MOUNTAIN ASH (*Sorbus sitchensis*)



The Sitka Mountain Ash is a shrub that reaches a size of 15 to 20 feet with a handsome round topped head. It is about 3rd in popularity among the woody plants for use in landscaping. (1—Kenai Birch, 2—White Spruce.) The flowers are small, 1/4 inch across, white, with 15 to 60 in a cluster 2 to 4 inches broad. The fruit is rounded and berrylike, 3/8 to 1/2 inch in diameter, red but becoming orange and purple in the fall.

## SHOOTING STAR (*Dodecatheon jeffreyi*)



Shooting Star will be one of the finest flowers in your garden. The flowers range in color from pink to red and pale lavender, occasionally white. They occur in clusters at the top of a bare stem, 8 to 20 inches tall. The smooth fleshy leaves grow from the base of the stem. Shooting Star is found growing in moist, peaty soil and makes a very fine cultivated plant.

## CHOCOLATE LILY (*Fritillaria camschatcensis*)



Chocolate Lily is one of the best of our Alaskan wildflowers to cultivate. Growing about 1 foot tall in the wild, it grows 2 feet or more under cultivation. The flowers number 1 to 6 or more and are a dark wine color, sometimes almost black, and tinged with green outside. The blossoms are 1 to 2 inches long. They grow well in almost any soil.

## FALSE SOLOMON'S SEAL (*Smilacina sessilifolia*)



False Solomon's Seal grows on damp soil over much of the interior of Alaska. It is about 12 to 18 inches tall with a slender and flexuous stem and opposite leaves. The flowers are small, white and in racemes. The fruit is attractive, up to 1/2 inch across, when ripe it is red with black stripes.

## KENAI BIRCH (*Betula papyrifera kensaica*)



Found only in Alaska, the Kenai Birch is a slow growing hardwood reaching a height of 30 to 45 feet and 6 to 12 inches in trunk diameter. The bark is greyish white and papery. It is the principal shade tree of South Central Alaska. Its range is from the Kenai Peninsula west to the Bering Sea and from Kodiak Island north to the Central Yukon River. The Eskimo name is Ogigeelek.

## ROCK ROSE (*Epilobium latifolium*)



We rate the Rock Rose as one of our finest wild Alaskan plants for the rock garden. Unlike *E. angustifolium*, it is improved with care and fertilizer. *E. latifolium* is a rather rare northern species and is found in gravelly, well drained places in Alaska from sea level to well above timber line. Flowers perfect, about 1 to 1 1/2 inches wide. Several 4 petaled blossoms born in the upper leaf axils. Color ranges from rose to purple. The Eskimo name is the same as for the tall variety—Pahmeyuktuk.

## ALASKA BLUE DAISY (*Erigeron tuneri*)



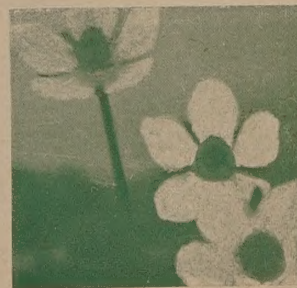
A showy daisy about 1 foot tall with blossoms about two inches across. Likes well drained soil and full sun to some shade. It is branching with up to 10 or 12 blossoms.

## COLUMBINE (*Aquilegia formosa*)



Wild Columbine is a beautiful and graceful plant that is probably the easiest of the wild plants to grow from seed. Columbine grows 2 to 3 feet tall with a profusion of red and yellow flowers. It grows readily in almost any soil but prefers one slightly acid and not too rich. Plant in full sun to some shade.

## GRASS of PARNASSUS (*Parnassia palustris*)



An effective mass planting in moist soil. The white, five petaled blossoms occur singly on a stem 1 foot or less tall. The leaves resemble violet leaves and are mostly basal.

## FORGET-ME-NOT (*Myosotis*)



The Forget-me-not is the State flower of Alaska. It is found in many places throughout Alaska in the wild state. The small blue flowers come in clusters. An excellent companion plant for most large perennials.

## TWISTED STALK (*Streptopus amplexifolius*)



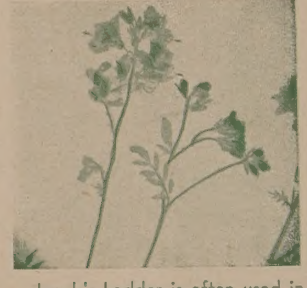
Twisted Stalk is an attractive plant 1 to 2 feet tall that grows best in the slightly shaded portions of the birch forests. Leaves alternate, flowers bell shaped, pinkish, and rather inconspicuous. The fruit, a berry is orange or light red and about 1/2 inch long.

## IRIS (*Iris setosa*)



The Alaskan Iris is a short (about 1 foot) dark blue Iris of good quality for cultivation. As the ordinary domestic Iris will seldom bloom this far north, the wild one is probably used more extensively than any other wildflower. It grows wild in damp, slightly acid soil, but will do well in most garden soil. A little peat will help.

## JACOB'S LADDER (*Polemonium pulcherrimum*)



Jacob's Ladder is often used in Alaska as a rock garden or border plant. The leaves are mostly basal and quite low, the 1/2-inch blue blossoms are on stems about 12 to 18 inches tall. Jacob's Ladder grows well in almost any soil and is improved with cultivation.

## GERANIUM (*Geranium erianthum*)



Geranium is another of our good wild flowers for the garden. It is an 18 to 24 inch plant with a profusion of light blue, 1 1/2 inch blossoms born in loose panicles at the top of branching, leafy stems. It does well in almost any garden soil.

## ARNICA (*Arnica latifolia*)



A colorful daisy-like bright yellow flower, growing 18 to 24 inches. Does well under cultivation.

## ALASKA WILD FLOWER COLLECTION



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## SASKATOON (*Amelanchier florida*)



The Sarviceberry or Saskatoon is a heavy producing berry of south central Alaska. It grows up to 12 feet tall in sandy or gravelly, well drained soil. A good plant for the garden because it is attractive and also produces an abundance of large dark blue berries of good quality. The Eskimo name is Aunusluk.

## WILD SNAPDRAGON (*Mimulus langsdorffii*)



An attractive, 2 foot tall plant with a profusion of large yellow blossoms with dark spots in the throat. It grows wild in moist, gravelly places and responds well to cultivation.

## ORCHID (*Cypripedium passerinum*)



(*Cypripedium passerinum*) Northern Ladies' Slipper. The largest of Alaska's wild orchids often growing to the height of 2 ft., dozens of flowers to a clump. Difficult to propagate.

## FIREWEED (*Epilobium latifolium*)



Fireweed is probably the most colorful of Alaskan flowers. It takes over recent clearings, burned over areas and roadsides. It is a tall plant (1 1/2 to 8 feet), the blossoms are large and showy in long terminal spike like clusters, 4 petals, rose to purplish. We recommend Fireweed as a background planting. It does best on soil that is not too rich, too much care may make it coarse and lazy. The Eskimo name is Pahmeyuktuk.

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# Flowers --

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Poppy, Shirley, Double Begonia Flowered	25c
Poppy, Shirley, Special Mixture	25c
Poppy, Nudicaule, Special Mixture	25c
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Sunflower, Mammoth Russian	25c
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Sweetpeas, Mixed Early Flowering Spencers, large pkt.	75c
Sweetpeas, Mixed Zvolanek Early Multiflora	25c
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## WILD FLOWERS

A gift that grows is a gift remembered. May we suggest to our fellow Alaskans that Alaska wild flower seeds are the most welcome gift possible to give to that gardening friend living in other states of the Union. Especially those who have been lucky enough to have visited Alaska during the summer time, for they know how beautiful Alaska wild flowers can be, how vivid the colors, how large and fragrant the blossoms.

It isn't difficult to establish wild flower gardens if certain techniques are understood and followed. Northern grown wild flower seed is designed to require a period of freezing and thawing before they will germinate. If this wasn't so, the young plants would start in the fall and be killed by the winter. Therefore, the best time to plant Alaska wild flower seed is in the fall or early winter. When this is not convenient, or in areas where the winters are mild, the seed should be thoroughly dampened and frozen in the sharp freeze of the refrigerator several times—one day in and a day out for about one week—and planted immediately. Wild flower seed produced in the far north has a large percentage of hard seed; that is, seed designed to lay from one to several years before germinating. The average germination the first year is approximately 20% with the balance of the fertile seed germinating in the following few years.

It's a good idea to plant wild flower seed in a wild area, transplanting specimen plants to the formal garden at a convenient time.

Out of our more than twenty years experience with Alaska wild flowers, allow us to name a group we have found extra pleasant to have around.

Alaska Blue Daisy is one of them. It is a large daisy, each blossom lasting for many weeks on the plant and is an outstanding cut flower.

The Aleutian Iris is a real bloomer, dozens of shapely blossom to each clump. It is a fibrous rooted iris that does well under cultivation.

Columbine has a bright red flower with a yellow center, a little too rambling for the formal garden, but fits a wild area like a glove.

Twisted Stalk is a graceful, almost regal, plant. Try planting in a four square foot area in a hard-to-care-for corner of the garden—two Twisted Stalk plants and two columbine. Combined they will turn the corner into the brightest spot in the yard. Permanent too.

Shooting Stars are one of the most beautiful of the Alaska wild flowers. Their grace and color are a delight.

Chocolate lily is a graceful lily, brown to black. Propagates from seed or bulbs, long lasting blossom when left on the plants.

Arctic Rose. Visitors to Alaska marvel at the size and color of the Arctic Rose along the roadside. It has blossoms often four inches across. The fruit or hips are up to ½ inch through and 1 inch long, and are loaded with Vitamin C.

Lupin is one of the most attractive of the blues for the rock garden. A clump of lupin here and there in a wild area adds that certain touch.

Fireweed is the most spectacular and most photographed of the wild flowers. It often grows 8 feet tall with flower stalks 4 feet long. Fireweed loves burned over areas, and usually grows too rank in a fertilized area.

Dwarf Fireweed or "Rock Rose" is an excellent rock garden plant. It has a character all its own that will delight the gardener.

Alaska abounds in beautiful flowering and fruiting shrubs and trees. The Saskatoon and Highbush Cranberry are handsome flowering shrubs that also produce tasty fruits for the table.

Alaska Mt. Ash is a shrub, not a tree. It is loaded with bright orange fruits that last well into the winter. The fruit is for the birds.

Silverberry deserves a trial in every garden. This low growing shrub is outstanding because of its color, being a bright silver—leaves, twigs and fruit. Excellent in foundation plantings.

You can't go wrong with the birch for shade trees. The Kenai birch limbs to the ground.

All the seed listed in this seed list have proven adaptable; the ones above are our favorites.

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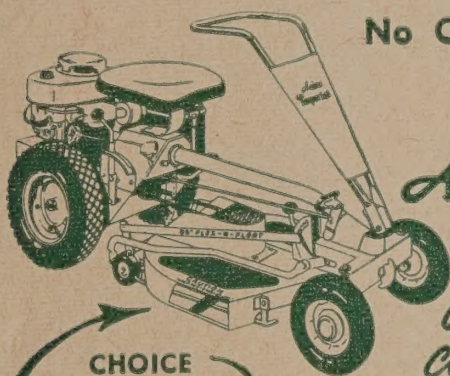
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